

CUBAN CHIEF SEEKS TO MAKE OWN APPEAL

MINE BLAST IN MEXICO IS FATAL FOR 34

Rescue Crews Seek Five Miners Believed Entombed in Debris—Clogged Coal Shaft—Mass Funeral Services Arranged for Victims.

Eagle Pass, Dec. 23. (P)—Rescue crews dug Wednesday in a debris-clogged coal mine at Nuevo Rosita, Coahuila, Mexico, 80 miles south of here, for five miners believed entombed by an explosion which killed at least 34 persons.

Mass funeral services were arranged for the 34 miners whose bodies were recovered Tuesday from the No. 1 shaft of the Rosita Coal Mine Company's Mine No. 6, Reports from Torreon, Mexico, that 47 bodies had been recovered were not confirmed by information reaching this border town.

About 700 miners were scattered throughout the underground shafts when the blast occurred about a mile from the entrance and 400 feet below the surface. Escaping gas and rocks and timber which blocked the shafts hampered rescue work.

Thirty-five injured workers were brought to the surface. Several were burned badly and physicians feared some might die.

Gas was blamed for the explosion. Officials suggested sparks from an undetermined source may have set off fire damp gas.

LITTLE HOPE HELD FOR RESCUE OF TRAPPED MEN

Eagle Pass, Dec. 23. (P)—Forty-seven or more miners were believed Tuesday night to have lost their lives in an explosion in shaft No. 6 of the Rosita Coal Mine Company at Rosita, Coahuila, Mexico, 80 miles south of this border town.

Information regarding the explosion was telephoned to Eagle Pass by Arthur Slaughter, manager in charge in the absence of J. W. Kniffner, now in a San Antonio, Texas, hospital.

Rescuers held little hope of finding the five remaining miners entombed in the shaft.

All doctors from Aguila, Muzquiz, Allende, Cloete and Sabinas were rushed to Rosita.

The explosion, the cause of which had not been determined, occurred at 11 a. m.

WOODBINE MAN SHOT TO DEATH

ROBBERY MOTIVE SEEN IN SHOOTING OF COOKE COUNTY MERCHANT

Gainesville, Texas, Dec. 23. (P)—Earl G. Kerr, 60, owner of a general mercantile store and postmaster of Woodbine, eight miles east of here, was found shot to death Tuesday night near his store.

Officers investigated a robbery motive. Deputy Sheriff Henry Kirchenbauer said he learned that Kerr usually carried a large purse in which he carried his daily receipts.

The officers said a small amount of money was found on the body, but that the purse was missing.

The merchant-postmaster died from three wounds, one in the left side and one in each shoulder.

Kerr was found by relatives who started a search after he failed to return home at his usual hour.

Kerr is survived by his widow and two daughters, Miss Josephine Kerr and Mrs. Ruby Hand, wife of the school principal at Woodbine.

Sleeping



Christmas will mean only the completion of 15 months of unbroken sleep—with eyes wide open—for 3-year-old Maxine Yarrington. In September, 1935, Maxine was tucked in bed by her parents at Fairview, Pa. Next morning, in a coma, she was taken to an Erie hospital, where she is pictured above. Maxine's affliction, called a form of sleeping sickness, is complicated by the fact her wide, blue eyes have remained open throughout her long slumber.

SANTA GREETS YOUNGSTERS AT TREE IN VERNON

More than a thousand Vernon children received toys, candy and clothing Tuesday night at the annual Christmas tree sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Children who had received tickets from the relief office were admitted to the second floor of the Robert L. Moore building where they were greeted by Santa Claus, assisted by committees from various civic organizations. The presentation of gifts followed a sing-song and Christmas carols by an accordion trio.

The program is made possible each year for the needy children of Vernon by the B. & P. W. Club and other civic organizations, business establishments and individuals.

STATE OIL ALLOWABLE HIKED BY COMMISSION

Austin, Dec. 23. (P)—The State Railroad Commission, conservation enforcement agency, Tuesday authorized another big increase in Texas' crude oil production.

Undaunted by criticism from some other oil producing States last month when it took similar action, the Commission fixed the allowable production for January at 1,245,907 barrels daily, 44,512 barrels more than that for December, and 72,907 more than recommended by the Federal Bureau of Mines.

The allowable for December was about 35,000 barrels greater than that for November, or 56,000 barrels more than the Bureau of Mines recommended. Its setting was followed by sharp protests from Oklahoma and Kansas, which subsequently boosted their allowable.

Ernest O. Thompson, Commission chairman, said continued decrease in above-ground storage of oil and firm demand justified the increase, and even if storage "jumped this winter" it would be no cause for alarm.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SET AT FARGO BAPTIST CHURCH

Program arrangements for the annual community Christmas tree at the Fargo Baptist Church Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock have been announced by the committee in charge. A brief program will precede the arrival of Santa Claus.

R. E. Owen will direct the Christmas carols, and the devotion will be brought by Rev. Melvin Shaw of Brownwood, who will visit relatives at Fargo during the holidays.

A reading, "Going to Grandma's," will be given by Laura Jean Sweetman, followed by a Christmas play, "The Three Wise Men at the Well," with a cast of 10 characters will conclude the program.

EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY FREIGHT RATES DENIED

Austin, Dec. 23. (P)—The Railroad Commission has denied application of railroads for a 60-day extension of emergency intrastate rates which expire Dec. 31.

The Interstate Commerce Commission previously had rejected a similar application regarding interstate rates. The higher charges were authorized in 1935 to meet asserted needs for additional revenue.

AUTO WORKERS PUSH CLAIMS ON INDUSTRY

Collective Bargaining Through-out Motor Business Announced as Goal by Leaders—Parts Plants Handicapped as Result of Walkouts.

Detroit, Dec. 23. (P)—The United Automobile Workers of America announced as its goal Wednesday the signing of collective bargaining agreements with every unit in the motor industry from the smallest manufacturer of parts to the "Big Three"—Chrysler, Ford and General Motors.

"We are going to have collective bargaining in all of the auto industry," said Homer Martin, international president of the union, "and we won't give up until we have it. By Federal legislation collective bargaining is the law of the land, and it is substantiated by public opinion."

"Right now we are trying to arrange negotiations with the General Motors Corporation. We are going to organize Ford, too. General Motors and Ford do not have collective bargaining."

"Our relations with the Chrysler Corporation have been very satisfactory," Martin said. "There has not been a single case of union discrimination or discharge there. Chrysler, along with many others, evidently is seeking to abide by the law and play fairly."

This announcement came as executives of automobile factories and related industries watched apprehensively the effect of strikes in several parts plants on car and truck production.

A shortage of parts, resulting from walkouts called by the Federation of Flat Glass Workers and the U. A. W., curtailed the operation of assembly lines in several motor plants and threatened further inroads on motor car production unless the disputes are settled soon.

The Ford Motor Company took steps to make its own brake parts. These formerly were supplied by the Kellogg-Hayes Company, in whose two Detroit plants "sit down" strikes called by the United Automobile Workers are in effect.

JOHN L. LEWIS SCORES GENERAL MOTORS "DELAY"

Washington, Dec. 23. (P)—John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization, asserted Wednesday that General Motors Corporation had so far "evaded its responsibility" to bargain collectively with the United Automobile Workers.

Of a conference Tuesday between Homer Martin, president of the U. A. W., and William S. Knudsen, General Motors vice president, Lewis said:

"That's not collective bargaining. That's just evasion of its responsibility on the part of General Motors. It will be entirely unsatisfactory to the union."

LESLIE FAIR IN AIR CRASH

FORMER VERNON MAN IS UNHURT IN LANDING AT OKLAHOMA CITY

Oklahoma City, Dec. 23. (P)—Roy Hunt, crack Oklahoma pilot and former holder of the Nation's outside loop record, was injured slightly Wednesday and three passengers escaped unhurt when a twin-motored plane struck an oil derrick and crashed.

Hunt attempted to land at a grassy field near the oil derrick, but the plane struck the derrick and crashed through the cockpit and lodged in the co-pilot's seat, which was unoccupied. The left motor also was torn off.

Hunt said he was unable to gain altitude, but kept the ship aloft for nearly a mile, barely missing another derrick and a tree, before he nosed the ship down to earth with little additional damage.

The four persons were en route from Bartlesville to Oklahoma City.

Leslie Fair, owner and a passenger of the plane which crashed near the Wiley Post Airport of Oklahoma City, Wednesday morning, is a grandson of Mrs. W. C. Johnson of Vernon and a nephew of Mrs. W. D. Berry and L. K. Johnson of this city.

He and Mrs. Fair and the pilot, Roy Hunt, recently visited Vernon in the plane, a Lockheed Electra, which was purchased a few weeks ago by Mr. Fair. He was a member of the editorial staff of the Vernon Daily Record about 10 years ago.

DR. KING ISSUES STATEMENT ON HOSPITAL OFFER; VOTERS TO ACT ON PROPOSAL DEC. 31

A statement concerning his offer of the King Hospital and grounds as a gift to the county was issued Wednesday by Dr. T. A. King. Acceptance of the gift is contingent upon the county's paying \$13,500 for equipment and compliance with a few other requirements. An election will be held in Wilbarger County Dec. 31 in which citizens will on the question of the establishment of a county hospital through the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$18,000 to pay Dr. King for his equipment, and for other expenses in establishing a county hospital.

The statement follows:

"I had not intended to have any public statement regarding my offer to give my hospital to Wilbarger County, other than the one made shortly after the offer was submitted to the Commissioners Court, but certain rumors have reached me which I believe should be cleared up. My sole purpose in making this brief statement is to answer these rumors and not for the purpose of influencing voters in their consideration of this matter."

"Whether the people accept the offer is of no special concern to me. I would dislike for the decision to be made on the basis of misunderstanding of my position. So far as the hospital is concerned, it is worth considerable money, is free of debt, has proved a paying investment in the past and should continue to do so in the future. If the offer is declined I will be much better off from a financial standpoint and I shall be happy with whatever decision the people make."

Facts Presented.

"Here are a few facts I would like to mention by way of clearing up possible misunderstanding of my position:

"1. The offer was made in good faith as an expression of my gratitude to the people who have so generously supported me in my professional work and have made it possible for me to achieve a position of comparative independence. The offer is a memorial to my mother and reverence for her regard for suffering humanity and for the efforts she, as a pioneer woman, put forth to relieve distress among those unable to help themselves."

"2. If the offer is accepted, when I sign the papers transferring the property to Wilbarger County it will pass to the control of a board to be named by the Commissioners Court, as required by the law of Texas, and I will have no more control or influence in the management of the hospital than any other citizen of Wilbarger County. It has been reported to me that some say I will insist on being the manager or superintendent. If I had a wish to be manager of a hospital, it would be unnecessary to make this offer to Wilbarger County. I am now sole owner, manager and superintendent of a hospital that has enjoyed some success. To be free of this responsibility is one of my reasons for making this offer. With reference to management of the hospital, that is fixed by law. The County Commissioners will appoint the governing board, I will say in my judgment this board ought to be made up of people who have made a success of handling business and that no physician should be on the board. Certainly I have no wish to be a member of the governing board."

"3. The idea that in using the words, recognized and standard, in my offer I was attempting to pass on a white elephant and that it would be necessary to make additions to the building, add costly equipment and require the employment of a large staff of highly-paid experts."

"All I had in mind was to convey the idea that I wished the hospital operated as required by the laws governing county hospitals and the practice of medicine and surgery. I certainly would not wish to have a hospital named in honor of my mother operated on a lower standard or along lines contrary to the standards of the profession to which I belong."

"The answer was, emphatically, 'Yes, there is a Santa Claus!'"

The chorus came from youngsters waiting patiently in line for a glimpse of the bewhiskered Yuletide saint in department stores, and from tots with noses pressed flat against the glass that separated them from a bewildering wealth of childhood joys.

Their answers, gleamed in a tear of Manhattan's teeming shopping district, evidenced a faith that could not be shattered.

Santa Claus himself, in the person of John Powers, backed up the impression gained from the children. Powers, official at one of New York's larger department stores,

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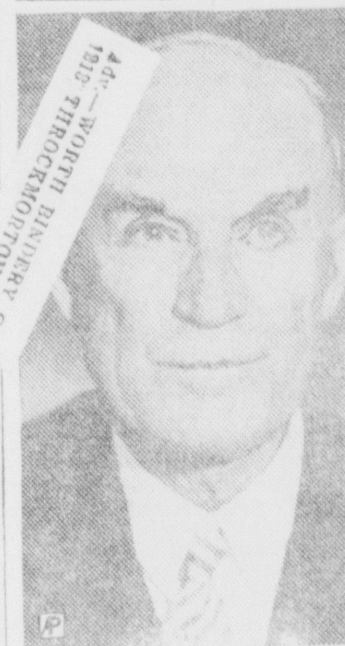
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SIMEON D. FESS

SIMEON D. FESS SUCCUMBS ON ARRIVAL IN CAPITAL

Washington, Dec. 23. (P)—Simeon D. Fess, 74-year-old former Senator from Ohio, died unexpectedly of a heart attack in a hotel room here Wednesday shortly after he had arrived from Cleveland.

Coming here to visit his children during the holidays, Fess, who was defeated when he sought a third term in the Senate in 1934, was seated on a bed talking on the telephone. Suddenly he collapsed and was dead when a physician reached him.

Word of Fess' death spread quickly. Speaker Bankhead, shocked at the news, said he was "deeply distressed" as he had long appreciated the former Senator's "fine qualities and courageous convictions on public questions."

Fess, a Republican and outspoken critic of the Roosevelt administration, was first elected to the House of Representatives where he served for 10 years. He was elected to the Senate in 1922 and remained there until 1934 when he was defeated by Senator Vic Donahey.

Since his retirement from the Senate, Fess had been writing a history of Ohio and had spent much time in Washington.

It was after serving six years as president of Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, that Fess entered the political field and rose rapidly through party ranks. In 1928 he delivered the keynote address at the Kansas City convention which nominated Herbert Hoover for the presidency. Fess then was named chairman of the Republican National Committee.

WPA DIRECTOR MAY RESIGN

HOPKINS IS REPORTED AS TAKING DEFINITE STAND FOR MORE CASH

Washington, Dec. 23. (P)—A reported ultimatum from Harry L. Hopkins that he will resign as Works Progress Administrator unless he gets \$750,000,000 to carry the relief program through next June threatened Wednesday to split the Administration forces in the new Congress.

One group was described as lining up behind Hopkins while another is counseling cuts in relief spending to pave the way for a balanced budget.

At his press conference late Tuesday, the President said he had no idea whether he would raise his own \$500,000,000 maximum figure in his recommendation to Congress early in January.

He did say, however, there was a possibility funds from other sources might be transferred for work relief to supplement a congressional appropriation.

Most authorities agree the key to the problem is the rate the unemployed are being absorbed into private industry but no definite figures on this point are available.

BORAH GIVES VIEWS ON TRADE AND NEUTRALITY

Washington, Dec. 23. (P)—In the wake of President Roosevelt's announced intention to seek new neutrality legislation, Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, said Wednesday the Nation must "curtail, if not surrender" profits and trade to make any neutrality policy effective.

"That requires something more than a law; it requires the will and purpose of the people," said the veteran member of the Senate foreign relations committee.

"If the people want their profits and trade, and we undertake to give it to them under any policy of neutrality, then the policy becomes a fraud."

GIRL DIES AND BOY LOST IN WEST COAST TRAGEDY

Santa Monica, Calif., Dec. 23. (P)—A Japanese fishing boat rescued two girls and a young man Wednesday after they had clung all night to an overturned sailing craft from which the fourth member of the party swam away to seek aid and disappeared.

One of the rescued girls, Helen Briggs, 13, of Brentwood Heights, a Los Angeles suburb, died soon after being taken aboard the fishing boat.

Presumably drowned in a brave effort to save his companions, was Robert Briggs, owner of the 18-foot sailing boat, "Alcuna," which capsized off Playa Del Rey, south of here, in a violent squall.

Betty Powell, 18, Los Angeles, and Stanley Bliss, 21, Brentwood Heights, were taken to the Santa Monica hospital. They are suffering from cold and exhaustion.

Capt. T. Murakami, master of the fishing boat "Success" of Tacoma, Wash., gave first aid and sped back to Santa Monica Bay but Miss Briggs died before life guards, summoned by his signal lights, could reach the fishing boat.

Miss Powell told the grim story of the sea tragedy to Life Guard Jerry Halton of Santa Monica.

"We sailed out from Santa Monica in the middle of the afternoon, Tuesday," she said. "We ran into a sudden squall and the boat was upset."

"We all managed to swim around and get close to the boat and tried to right it but we could do nothing. It was too heavy."

"Darkness fell but we still hoped for a rescue."

"Robert Briggs wanted to swim ashore and get help. We tried to persuade him to stay with us but he said the shore looked so close that he was sure he could make it."

"He swam away from the boat to the shore and disappeared in the darkness."

AERIAL HUNT GOES FORWARD

NEW CLUE REPORTED IN SEARCH FOR LINER LOST ON DEC. 15

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 23. (P)—Search for a Western Air express plane which disappeared with seven persons a week ago, was spurred Wednesday by a belated report it was seen attempting to make a forced landing in Northwestern Utah.

Airline officials promised immediate investigation of the report by M. D. Talley on his return to Los Angeles from a Utah turkey buying trip.

He said he and a party of others saw the plane, with two motors missing, skim a ridge and disappear into Cottonwood Creek of Pine Valley northwest of St. George, Utah, early in the morning of Dec. 15. That was shortly after the last report was heard from the plane—"Everything ok."

The turkey buyer assumed others in the region had reported the plane. Rushed by the holiday poultry trade, Talley said he had no time to read newspapers and when he heard of the finding of a lost Northwest Airlines plane, he confused it with the Western Air Express ship.

In the first short wave radio message from any of the searching parties which plunged into the rugged wilderness Monday and Tuesday, an expedition from Herrick and Calder, Idaho, reported that it had reached a Ranger station about five miles from where the Northwest Airlines transport crashed last Friday. Pilot Joe Livermore and Arthur A. Haid were aboard.

EXTRADITION OF OIL MAN ORDERED BY TEXAS COURT

Austin, Dec. 23. (P)—The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Wednesday ordered the extradition of A. C. Taylor, charged in Tennessee with conspiracy to evade the gasoline tax.

Taylor's appeal from a Tarrant County District Court ruling that he be extradited had been before the court for many weeks. George Christian, member of the Court's Commission of Appeals, wrote the opinion.

Taylor was one of 22 persons charged after an investigation by Tennessee officials of alleged gasoline tax evasions.

TWO WOMEN CHARGED IN THEFT OF RADIO IN CITY

Two women were released Tuesday by county officers to await action of the Grand Jury after posting bond of \$500 each on charges of burglary. Bond was set by Justice of the Peace F. M. Taylor after charges had been filed in connection with the theft of a radio about two months ago from Mrs. Jack Taylor of Vernon. The women were arrested Tuesday by Deputy Sheriff J. D. Klepper after the radio had been recovered from a second-hand goods store in Wichita Falls.

Position of Treasury. Washington, Dec. 23. (P)—The position of the Treasury on Dec. 21: Receipts, \$23,565,050.93; expenditures, \$14,882,596.66; balance, \$1,881,202.44; customs receipts for the month, \$28,551,186.17. Receipts for the fiscal year (since July 1), \$2,088,775,771.40; expenditures, \$3,387,063,109.63, including \$1,339,866,010.05 of emergency expenditures; excess of expenditures, \$1,298,293,337.63; gross debt, \$34,304,264,159.31, a decrease of \$2,035,006.00 under the previous day; gold assets, \$11,238,204,257.70.

Officials of the Soviet Foreign Office approved the one-year extension of the expiring agreement but made no promise for future procedure, also. Japanese Ambassador Mamoru Shigenomiya and Russian Foreign Minister Maxim Litvinoff arranged for another conference to discuss the convention.

TOLBERT METHODISTS PLAN PAGEANT WEDNESDAY

A Christmas pageant, "What Child Is This," will be presented at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening at the Tolbert Methodist Church. Christmas carols and a talk by Rev. Swin-dail will precede the pageant. Fifty persons will make up the choir and take the parts of three kings, three pages, four shepherds, six angels, 15 children, the Madonna, and Joseph, in the pageant.

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1935 Startling difference in tuberculosis mortality by classes

While it has long been known that tuberculosis is a disease which is more prevalent among the poor than the rich, the difference is brought out very strikingly by the figures shown above, based on an actual study of employed men in ten states. The tuberculosis rate in the lowest economic class is six and one-half times higher than that in the highest economic group.

CHINA'S CIVIL WAR HALTED

ARMISTICE GRANTED ON REQUEST OF CHIANG'S WIFE AND BROTHER

Nanking, Dec. 23. (AP)—A three-day armistice halted China's civil war Wednesday at the urgent request of Mrs. Chiang Kai-shek and her brother, Dr. T. V. Soong, after their flight to Sianfu to rescue the National Government's captive leader.

Shortly after Generalissimo Chiang's wife and her brother arrived at Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang's rebel stronghold, Dr. Soong telegraphed Nanking asking for a cessation of hostilities.

After a hasty conference with other nationalist leaders, Dr. H. H. Kung, acting civil head of the government, granted an armistice until Dec. 25.

The proposal to end hostilities came on the heels of a reported strategic victory for the Nanking troops of the punitive expedition pressing to rescue Chiang.

Aid for the rebellion was seen in reports that Marshal Chang had effected an alliance with Communist leaders farther to the northwest and was actively cooperating with them.

The Young Marshal was said to have flown 200 miles to Fushih, important city of Northern Shensi Province, for a conference with Communist leaders, bringing one of them back with him to Sianfu to greet Mrs. Chiang and Dr. Soong.

SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS TOTALED IN U. S. SURVEY

Washington, Dec. 23. (AP)—The Agriculture Department reported Wednesday that farmers collected \$731,000,000 in November from sale of their products, compared with \$882,000,000 in October and \$669,000,000 in November last year.

Income from crops dropped "somewhat more than usual from October to November" because of decreased sale of cotton and tobacco, the survey said, while receipts for livestock and livestock products "increased more than usual."

Government payments to farmers for the month totaled \$19,000,000, slightly under the \$22,000,000 for October, and far below the \$64,000,000 in November last year.

Talking Proves Fatal

Ocala, Fla., Dec. 23. (AP)—Death ended Howard Stille's strange, 18-day monologue early Wednesday. Dr. L. L. Chalker of the Ocala Hospital, to which Stilleman, 44, was brought from his home in Fort McCoy, said his patient suffered inflammation of that part of the brain which controls speech and could not voluntarily stop talking.

Plane Clue Fails

Los Angeles, Dec. 23. (AP)—Western Air Express officials said Wednesday the report that its lost transport was seen making a forced landing about 12 miles northwest of St. George, Utah, Dec. 15, proved unfounded.

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GERMANS HEAR REICH'S HOPES

CRITICAL ATTITUDE OF BRITISH FEATURED BY NAZI PRESS

Berlin, Dec. 22. (AP)—The German press, obviously inspired, acquainted homeland readers Tuesday with the critical British attitude on the Reich's colonial demands. The newspapers also told of the Reich's harsh attitude toward Communism and Soviet Russia, and its hopes for a Fascist victory in Spain.

Foreign diplomatic circles linked this burst of publicity with the Christmas visit to Berlin of Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Ambassador to London.

Von Ribbentrop, at least one embassy official said, summed up his recent conversations with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Great Britain in three cardinal questions:

1. What does England propose to do about our colonial demands?
 2. Will England continue to tolerate Russia's "interference" in Spain?
 3. Does Britain, in her plans for securing the peace of Europe, contemplate the inclusion of Russia in any arrangements she may propose?
- These diplomats professed also to know that von Ribbentrop "solemnly warned England that if she doesn't draw the sharpest line between herself and Russia, history will make her responsible for the collapse of Europe."

APPELLATE COURT RULES ON HUMBLE GAS SALES

Austin, Dec. 23. (AP)—The Third Court of Civil Appeals ruled Wednesday that the Humble Oil and Refining Company was a public utility insofar as its sale of gas to the M & M Pipe Line Company was concerned.

Reversing a judgment by the Travis County District Court, it also held that a rate of five cents per cubic foot of gas sold to the M & M company, as fixed by the Railroad Commission, was not unjust.

The trial court had held the Humble was not a public utility. The Court of Civil Appeals said the contract with the M & M company was intended to create a consumer market and the relation differed little from one which would have existed had the Humble formed a subsidiary corporation.

The M & M company served Brenham, Beeville, Hempstead, Navasota, Waller, Columbus, Eagle Lake and Sealy.

The gas utilities division of the Railroad Commission said a rate reduction might be passed to these points if the Supreme Court upholds the appellate court's ruling.

LIFE TERM AFFIRMED IN SLAYING IN WOOD COUNTY

Austin, Dec. 23. (AP)—The Court of Criminal Appeals Wednesday affirmed the life sentence of Wilburn Samuels, convicted in Wood County of the murder of Edward Pagitt March 11 this year.

It also affirmed the convictions of Will Watson, given 10 years in Montague County in the slaying of J. D. Shoen May 19, 1935, and Celery Johnson, sentenced to 25 years for killing Azalea Johnson in Freestone County Aug. 30, 1935.

The court reversed and remanded the case of Lewis Beverly, given 10 years in the slaying of James King in Terry County Dec. 29, 1935. It held an issue of accidental shooting should have been submitted to the jury.

It refused the State's motion for rehearing of the case of Bennie White, sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for the killing of Garfield (Leggs) Scott June 1, 1935.

ANOTHER STEP TAKEN IN ELECTING PRESIDENT

Washington, Dec. 23. (AP)—Another step in the election of President Roosevelt and Vice President Garner was completed Wednesday with the announcement that all 48 states had complied with the law requiring them to report their electoral votes by the "fourth Wednesday in December."

The certificates of votes are now in the custody of the Vice President where they will remain until Jan. 6. The returns from each State then will be canvassed at a joint session of Congress and the result officially proclaimed—Roosevelt and Garner, 523; Landon and Knox, 8.

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OIL FIELD BRIEFS

Rock Crossing.
Phillips, Ranch No. 127, Waggoner, section 47, block 4, H. & T. C. R. R. survey, pumped 27 barrels of oil and no water in 24 hours.

Phillips, Ranch No. 51, Waggoner, section 47, block 4, H. & T. C. R. R. survey, is waiting on rotary equipment to deepen from 1,198 feet.

Phillips, Ranch No. 131, Waggoner, section 47, block 4, H. & T. C. R. R. survey, is cleaning out the old well at 1,901 feet using spudder equipment.

Phillips, Ranch No. 30, Waggoner, section 45, block 4, H. & T. C. R. R. survey, is cleaning out the old well at 1,901 feet using spudder equipment.

Grayback.
Staley and Wynne, No. R-5, Waggoner, section 52, block 4, H. & T. C. R. R. survey, is cleaning out at 2,430 feet, using spudder equipment.

Lawson, No. A-2, Waggoner, section 99, block 14, H. & T. C. R. R. survey, is cleaning out the old well with spudder equipment.

H. W. Roberts, No. A-5, Waggoner, section 40, block 4, H. & T. C. R. R. survey, is waiting on cement to set at 1,190 feet.

Red Pasture.
W. T. Waggoner Estate, No. CC-2, section 5, block 15, H. & T. C. R. R. survey, is cleaning out after cementing back to sand from 1,193 feet to 1,203 feet.

Baker and Camp, No. B-16, Waggoner, Purnell survey, is waiting on cement to set on sand at 1,875 feet.

Phillips, Staley No. 1, Waggoner, Purnell survey, is drilling at 2,299 feet in hard lime, using rotary equipment.

South Vernon.
Lawson and Leavell, No. A-10, Waggoner, section 109, block 14, H. & T. C. R. R. survey, is drilling deeper at 1,475 feet after passing through an oil sand from 1,442 to 1,448 feet with an estimated production of five barrels a day.

King Oil Company, No. N-6, Waggoner, section 104, block 14, H. & T. C. R. R. survey, is drilling in shale at 790 feet, using spudder equipment.

Electra District.
W. T. Waggoner Estate, No. X-8, section 2, S. & M. survey, is washing out the hole to test a sand from 1,728 to 1,730 feet.

W. T. Waggoner Estate, No. AA-12, section 148, block 14, H. & T. C. R. R. survey, pumped four barrels of oil in 24 hours.

W. T. Waggoner Estate, No. AA-13, section 148, block 14, H. & T. C. R. R. survey, is waiting on cement to set.

King Oil Company, No. L-3, Waggoner, J. Bradley survey, is underreaming casing to oil sand topped at 1,810 feet, using spudder equipment.

King Oil Company, No. R-1, Waggoner, A. Gibson survey, is drilling in shale at 928 feet with spudder equipment.

Reno Oil Company, No. B-2, Waggoner, section 1, S. & M. survey, is drilling in lime at 1,866 feet with rotary equipment.

Summit Oil Company, No. A-3, Waggoner, section 14, block 13, is bailing out the hole to test an oil sand at 1,675 feet.

Wildcats.
Rathke Oil Company, No. 1, Waggoner, section 23, block 4, H. & T. C. R. R. survey, is underreaming and cleaning out to 1,460 feet, using spudder equipment.

FOREIGNERS REPORTED SAFE IN CHINESE REBEL CITY

Nanking, Dec. 23. (AP)—The United States Embassy received Wednesday night its first direct assurance that all foreigners in the walled city of Sianfu, prison place of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, are safe.

Herman Swenson, of Jersey City, N. J., representing the China inland mission with headquarters at Philadelphia, and George Fitch, Jr., young American employed by the Texas Company, sent the assurance. They also said the city was quiet.

A few hours earlier, it was learned Government authorities had detained Julius Barr, American director of the Hankow airport, who has acted as pilot for Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang, the Generalissimo's captor. He was freed after four hours.

Radio Permit Favored.
Washington, Dec. 23. (AP)—Examiner Ralph L. Walker recommended Wednesday to the Communications Commission that the application of the Bayou Broadcasting Company for a permit to construct a new radio station at Houston be granted.

Greely said "Go West Young Man"



Mae West's latest picture "Go West Young Man" will be shown for a special midnight show only Christmas Eve at the Vernon Theater.

DEATH SENTENCE GIVEN BY JURY IN COLORADO

Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 23. (AP)—Frank Aguilar, 33, must die for the murder of Dorothy Drain, 15, a district court jury decided Tuesday in 23 minutes after the defense attorney brought an abrupt conclusion to an eight-day trial, saying Aguilar had confessed to him Monday night after the murder victim's 12-year-old sister, Barbara, had pointed out Aguilar as the man who went into the sisters' room Aug. 15, while their parents were at a dance.

Prior to the review, Aguilar had insisted he was at home when Dorothy Drain was ravished and then killed with a hatchet. Barbara Drain was brutally beaten at the time.

Judge Stewart delayed formal sentence for 30 days.

The death penalty is mandatory under Colorado law when a jury recommends it.

ROOSEVELT AID SOUGHT IN BRAZOS DAM PROJECT

Washington, Dec. 23. (AP)—Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas said Wednesday President Roosevelt probably would be asked to break the impasse which has delayed start of construction of a \$3,500,000 flood control dam on the Brazos River in Texas.

He disclosed Harry Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator, had declined to decide whether the Government should accept a cost estimate of \$3,500,000 submitted by private engineers or a \$7,000,000 estimate of Army engineers who have charge of preliminary work.

"Hopkins has asked the engineers to get together as soon as possible to seek a compromise," Sheppard said. "After they meet and reach some kind of a decision, then Hopkins and I will go to the President," he stated.

REGIONAL HEARING ON FARM TENANCY CALLED

Washington, Dec. 23. (AP)—Five regional hearings by the President's committee on farm tenancy were announced Wednesday by Secretary Wallace, chairman.

The hearings will be at Dallas Jan. 4; Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 6; Indianapolis, Jan. 7; Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 9, and in San Francisco, Jan. 12.

In announcing them, Wallace said farm tenancy had assumed "serious proportions" in the cotton and corn belts and the Great Plains area and that the national committee hoped to obtain "a comprehensive picture" in different parts of the country.

The Dallas and Montgomery hearings will be conducted by W. W. Alexander, acting head of the Resettlement Administration, and L. C. Gray, committee secretary.

COAL MINE OPERATOR AND GIRL SOUGHT BY OFFICERS

Pineville, Ky., Dec. 23. (AP)—A swarthy coal-mine operator from New Tazewell, Tenn., and a pretty 17-year-old youth administration project worker—his alleged kidnap victim—were sought by police of Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee Wednesday.

Miss Vivian Lee, a freshman last year at the University of Kentucky, was whisked away Friday night after a high school banquet in an automobile bearing Tennessee license plates.

Tuesday her father, J. H. Lee, Bell County Auditor, swore to warrants charging A. G. Cawood, who operated a "wagon mine" on property owned by Lee, with abduction of the girl. Another warrant charged him with "detaining a female."

POPE COMPLETES ADDRESS FOR CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Vatican City, Dec. 23. (AP)—Pope Pius, working in bed, finished writing his Christmas message to the world Wednesday.

Vatican City radio engineers completed installation of broadcasting equipment to permit the Pontiff, suffering from circulatory congestion, to speak through a microphone in his bedroom.

Prelates said his address, in Italian, would be about a thousand words long and take between 15 and 20 minutes to deliver.

The 79-year-old Pontiff passed a fitful night, Vatican sources declared, his rest disturbed by pain in his partly paralyzed left leg.

KRUPP WORKS OFFER AID IN GERMAN FOOD SHORTAGE

Berlin, Dec. 22. (AP)—The great Krupp Works pitched in Tuesday to help Germany solve the food shortage.

It will furnish onions, as well as arms, to the Third Reich. Krupp will build a bridge across the Nile for the Egyptian Government. In part payment, the concern will take Egyptian onions, and bring them back to Germany.

SNOWLESS CHRISTMAS IN EASTERN U. S. FORECAST

Washington, Dec. 23. (AP)—A cloudy but snowless Christmas was forecast Wednesday by the weather man for most of the Eastern half of the United States.

The Ohio Valley and the Northern border were the only spots where a white Christmas was likely.

Temperatures have been rising over most of the United States and the Weather Bureau said probably would melt some of the snow already on the ground.

MOTHER OF FIVE DIES AFTER VOLLEY OF SHOTS

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 23. (AP)—A volley of shots killed the mother of five children Wednesday in a South Wheeling beer garden.

John Bries, husband of the victim, told police two men rifling slot machines did the shooting.

Surgeons said three bullets struck the heart and a fourth tore through the neck. Mrs. Bries died in her husband's arms without speaking.

:- Social and Club News :-

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Altruism Club Hears Review Of Clever Book

"Live Alone and Like It," the clever answer to women's social problems by Marjorie Hillis, was reviewed by Miss Virginia Harroun at a meeting of the Altruism Club Tuesday afternoon at her home. Mrs. Ross Sears assisted Miss Harroun as hostess.

The reviewer gave a few introductory remarks on the life of the author, and since the book is topical, summarized each chapter with satiric comment and quotations from the book. She stated the object of the book was to tell a woman how to live between husbands and if she has to live alone of necessity, how to like it. Miss Frances Murchison was program leader for the afternoon.

Prior to the review, a tea plate was served to the guests. Miss Virginia Harroun poured, assisted by Mrs. Sears and Mrs. Emory Rhoads, Jr. A white and silver color scheme was employed by the hostesses. The service table was covered with a lace cloth and further decorated with a silver bowl of white chrysanthemums and white tapers in silver holders. The buffet was set with balanced white tapers in silver holders and a green bubble bowl upon a reflector. A Christmas tree completed the household decorations.

During the business session the president, Mrs. Rhoads, appointed a nominating committee with Mrs. John Lee McCrary as chairman. The report of the committee will be made at the next meeting.

Those present were Mesdames Jack Ballew, John Lee McCrary, Emory Rhoads, Jr., Warren King, Edwin S. Smith, Tommy Morris, Misses Lorena Morris, Anna Belle Robertson, Frances Murchison, Nina Ruth Terrell, Sarah Thurman, and the hostess, Mrs. Sears and Miss Harroun.

CASSEROLE SUPPER GIVEN FOR PARENTS BY 4-H CLUB

A casserole supper was given recently by members of the Five-in-

One Girls' 4-H Club for their parents at the Five-in-One School. The supper was served buffet style, and the tables were decorated with mistletoe and white candles.

The menu for the evening consisted of baked beans, cabbage slaw, bread, pie and coffee. Christmas carols and games furnished recreation for the evening.

Social Calendar

Friday.
Durwood Cline and his Brunswick recording-orchestra will play for the annual Christmas dance at Hill Crest Country Club Friday night. The dance is scheduled to begin at 10 p. m.

Oklahoma Benefit Plays Attract Audience of 300

An audience of approximately 300 saw two one-act benefit plays presented by the girls' volleyball team of Oklahoma High School Tuesday evening in the school auditorium. Mrs. Knox Kinard and Miss Virginia Ann Shultz directed the plays, which were well staged.

Names of the plays were "The Advantages of Being Shy" and "Who Kissed Barbara?" The cast for the first included Nannie Cave Overton, Jo Ann Moore, Doyle Huntsman, Dorothy Westerman, Mary Jane O'Neill, and Mary Lee Robinson. Players in "Who Kissed Barbara?" were Faucine Streetman, Peggy Greene, Y. B. Gibson, Clarence Mann, and Douglas Howell.

HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH CLUB ENJOYS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A Christmas program with Joel Crawford as announcer was given at a meeting of the Ninth Grade English Club at the Vernon High School Tuesday morning. Roll call was answered with a slogan.

Numbers on the program were as follows: Play, "Hanging the Christmas Stocking," Jack Williams and Mary Ellen Howl; Christmas story, Dorothy Vaughn; "Jingle Bells," by the club, accompanied at the piano by Miss Lodena Tooley.

MODERN YULETIDE DECORATIONS ARE READY FOR DANCE

Modern Christmas decorations in red, blue, green, and white are being arranged for the annual Christmas dance at Hill Crest Country Club Friday evening, according to Mrs. Robert L. More, Jr., who is in charge of the decorations. She is being assisted by Mrs. Lew Bray.

The mantelpiece will be decorated with three red and white candles made from cylinders almost two feet in height, and paper Christmas trees will be arranged in either corner. The committee stated Wednesday that the ball room will be decorated from the lights to the orchestra platform.

Host and hostesses for the dance were also announced Wednesday by the club's social committee. They will be as follows: Messrs. and Mrs. R. F. Webb, Lew Bray, Robert Sherrill, Jr., Miss Dorothy Webb, and Fred Peabrough.

Music for the dance will be furnished by Durwood Cline and his Collegians, one of the most popular orchestras in Texas.

Harrold Classes Given Annual Christmas Party

Members of the junior and senior classes of Harrold High School and their guests were entertained with their annual Christmas party last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kelly, with their daughters, Misses Frances and Peggy Sue as hostesses.

Entertainment features consisted of twelve tables of forty-two and Christmas games, with prizes going to Miss Carolyn Holt and J. W. Guinn of Harrold and Miss Ethel Corder, Glynn Cursey, and Lee Schoover of Electra.

A Christmas tree was provided for the occasion, from which distribution of gifts concluded the activities. Ray Flynn and Audrey Austin furnished miscellaneous piano music during the evening. Refreshments of hot chocolate, cake, and mints, were served to 75 guests.

SINCLAIR IS DEFENDANT IN SUPREME COURT SUIT

New York, Dec. 23. (AP)—A new court action for an accounting of more than \$12,000,000 profits alleged to have been made at the corporation's expense has been brought against Consolidated Oil Corporation, Harry F. Sinclair and 24 others in the Supreme Court. It was disclosed Wednesday.

The suit charges defendants made \$12,000,000 from a deal in the corporation's stock in 1929, when the company was known as Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corporation.

Action was brought by Helen E. Bing, holder of 140 shares of capital stock, on behalf of herself and all other shareholders.

The present plaintiff charged some defendants had "caused" the corporation to make payments "in return for discontinuance of a law suit, but that the same stockholders had not benefited from the settlement."

NAZI ORDER CHANGE IN EDITORS OF TWO PAPERS

Berlin, Dec. 23. (AP)—Authoritarian Germany moved Wednesday to replace with "died-in-the-wool" Nazis two newspaper editors who refused to obey orders from the Propaganda Ministry.

The Frankfurter Zeitung will be permitted to continue publication, officials said, on the condition a National Socialist leader assumes the chief editorship and approves all articles before publication.

The Berliner Tageblatt will also be compelled to accept a "safe" man as chief editor, it was announced. Paul Scheffer, former Washington correspondent and present editor of the Tageblatt, will be given a foreign correspondent's post, officials declared.

Eating Soup.

Shanghai, Dec. 23. (AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek lost not only his freedom in the Sianfu rebellion—but also his false teeth, it was reported Wednesday. A new set of plates was listed among the articles the General's wife took with her to Sianfu. She also carried extra clothing for the military officers.

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PERKINS-TIMBERLAKE

DAME FORTUNE DESERTS TIVY

SIX KERRVILLE REGULARS ON INJURED-SICK LIST; ALL SANDIES READY

Dallas, Dec. 23. (AP)—Travel companion of Dame Fortune through 12 straight victories, Kerrville's weary "iron men" were on their own Wednesday.

Six of the 11 Tivy High stalwarts were on the injured list as the little band of grid warriors prepared to leave for the Panhandle and Saturday's State schoolboy championship clash with Amarillo's Golden Sandstorm.

By on substitutes, Tivy's Antlers carried through to last week's semifinal game against Port Arthur before finally losing their rabbit's foot. A regular guard is definitely out of the Amarillo game and five others, including Roy Holbrook, brilliant little halfback, are ailing.

Walter Lee will make the trip on crutches and see his guard post filled by Willie Carlisle; Kyle Holloman, 235-pound tackle fighting after effects of influenza, is an indefinite starter; Holbrook has a badly bruised right arm and passing-hand; Coleman, left guard, has a badly injured shoulder; Rust, left end, is favoring a fractured leg and Hauser, center, has a bruised and torn hand.

In contrast, Head Coach Blair Cherry reported his Amarillo Sandstorm ready for action and announced that Bill Kilman, regular guard out of the North Side game last week, would play with his broken hand in a cast.

TROJANS END TEXAS TOUR WITH VICTORY OVER RICE

Houston, Dec. 23. (AP)—Southern California's sharpshooting Trojans headed homeward Wednesday, their record unblemished by basketball opposition in Texas. The Trojans swamped the Rice Owls, 67 to 30, Tuesday night. Oram and Garrison found the range from all parts of the court to lead the Westerners' attack.

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MEL OTT LEADS HITTERS IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York, Dec. 23. (AP)—You couldn't have squeezed an eye-lash between Mel Ott and Ducky Medwick last baseball season so far as slugging and timely hitting honors went in the National League.

The official averages in those miscellaneous departments, released Wednesday, showed the two wound up in a blanket finish.

As a team, however, the Gas House Gang from St. Louis, paced by Medwick's big bat, swept the boards, outclassing even the heavy-hitting Pittsburgh Pirates and the surprisingly slugging Phillies.

Ott took the individual slugging championship, finishing with a .558 average for the season by hitting for 314 total bases in 534 trips to the plate. Medwick, however, topped everyone in sight by belting the ball for a total of 307 bases and by driving 138 runs across the plate.

The Cards' outfielder wound up fourth in the slugging section, with a percentage of .577. He trailed Ott, Delph Camilli of the Phillies and Johnny Mize, the Cards' prize rookie, but was not far behind any of them.

Ott, on the other hand, was a poor second in total bases, with his aggregate 314, and a surprisingly close runner-up in runs batted in, with 138.

Waner Among Leaders

The various other divisions, coming under the league's "miscellaneous" heading, saw the Pirates doing most of the "champion" producing. Lloyd Waner struck out the fewest times, chalking up a near-record minimum of five whiffs in 106 games. His teammate, Bill Brubaker, was the "strikeout king," fanning 96 times in 145 games. Arky Vaughan led the league for the third year in getting bases on balls working pitchers for 118.

Babe Herman of the Reds and the Pirates' Brubaker contributed a record. Each hit into three double plays in one game to tie the loop mark for that "feat."

The Cards' slugging championship percentage was .410, nine points better than the second-place Phillies compiled.

The Cubs registered 18 shutout wins, the Giants, next, took a dozen.

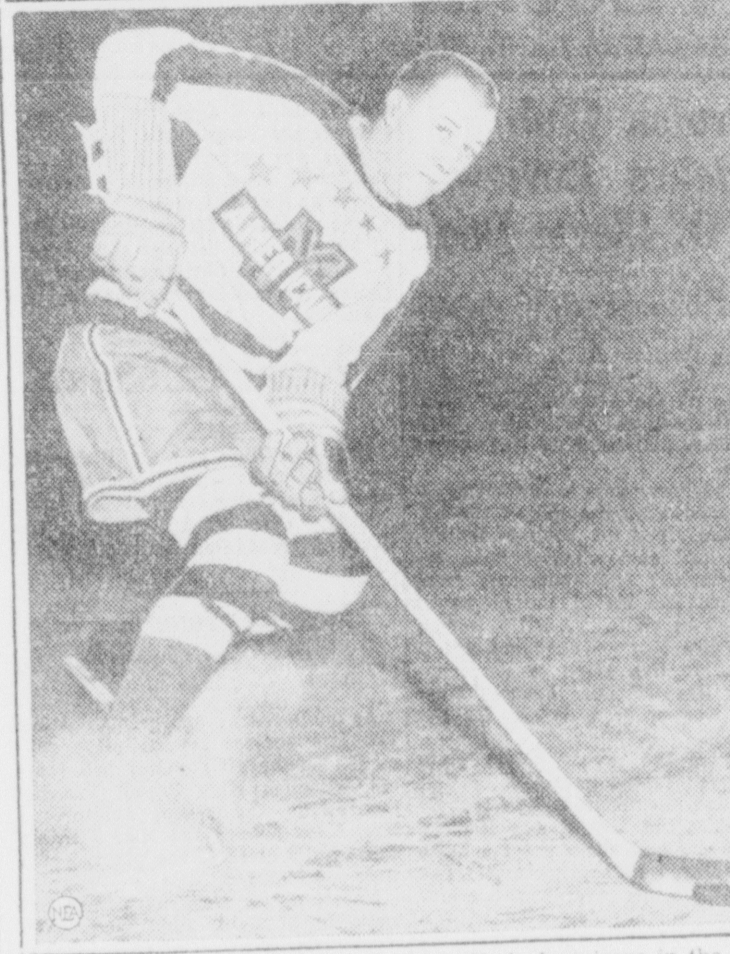
BASKETBALL SCORES

(By the Associated Press)

Nebraska 32, Ohio State 23.
Purdue 35, Xavier 23.
Baylor 37, Daniel Baker 15.
Southern California 67, Rice 30.
St. Louis University 36, Washington University 43.
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Behind the surprising rise of the New York Americans in the International division of the National Hockey League is the fact that Dave (Sweeney) Schirmer, above, classy left wing, again is battling for scoring honors in the circuit. Schirmer, 25-year-old flash from Calgary, led the loop in pushing the puck past goalies last season, and is off to good start in the current one, fighting Larry Aurie and Herb Lewis of the Detroit Red Wings for the lead.

RED VALLEY WOMEN WIN

AWARDS IN WILBARGER TUBERCULOSIS EVENT ARE ANNOUNCED

First prize of \$25 has been awarded to the Red Valley Home Demonstration Club by the Wilbarger County Tuberculosis Association as the climax of its educational campaign, the committee of judges stated in a report released Tuesday by Mrs. J. B. Ross, chairman of the Association.

One hundred per cent of the Red Valley Club membership took examinations on the tuberculosis primer, receiving exceptionally high marks. The club also attended a lecture by a Vernon physician on tuberculosis in meeting the requirements outlined for the contest.

Results of essay contests in which school children participated were also announced by the committee. The awards were as follows: Sixth and seventh grades—first prize, \$5; Dorothy Fay Welch, Fanning School; second, \$3, Dorothy Nowlin, Harold; third, \$2, Doris Nell Paralely, Harold; eighth and ninth grades—first prize, \$5, Dollye Jane Moore, Vernon High School; second, \$3, Genevieve Dauley, Odell; third, \$2, Blanche Ellen Pearson, Vernon Junior High. Tenth and eleventh grades—first prize, \$5, Johnnie Mae Krebs, Vernon High School; second, \$3, Ruth Kirk, Harold; third, \$1, Mamie Flowers, Vernon High School; fourth prize, no award made. The committee of judges recommend that the association give recognition to a paper written by Sammie June Porterfield of Vernon High School on the basis of its merits. The paper was eliminated since it exceeded the required length. The committee consisted of Mrs. Blanche Williams, chairman, Mrs. Will L. Stephens, and J. Frank Ketchersid. The contest closed December 5.

Mileage of Red Star Is Tripled In Four Years

Continuing its steady program of expansion and modernization, the Red Star Coaches, a bus line serving points in Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico, has put a new 20-passenger streamlined bus into service between Vernon and Clovis. Headquarters of the firm are in Vernon, with Clyde Owens of this city as general manager. He and C. B. Boydston of Lubbock are owners of the line.

When these two young men started operation of the line in 1932, its buses covered only the route between Vernon and Plainview. From the 600 miles traveled daily by the buses at that time, the larger buses of the line now run a total of 1,810 miles daily in serving routes extending to Clovis, N. M., Childress, and Frederick, Okla.

The company has 12 full-time employees. Its rolling equipment consists of four 20-passenger, two 16-passenger and several smaller buses. Equipment is serviced by the garage maintained by the line in Vernon.

Before the end of 1937, the owners expect their buses to be operating over an all-paved route from Frederick to Clovis, via Vernon, Paducah, Floydada and Plainview, a distance of nearly 300 miles. Recent completion of pavement across Floyd County leaves only 25 miles in Lamb County unpaved and provision has been made for hard surfacing eight miles of this gap.

Routes from Floydada extend to Lubbock, via Ralls and Lorenz, and to Childress via Silverton, Quitaque and Turkey.

"POP" WARNER SEES VICTORY FOR EAST GRIDDERS JAN. 1

San Francisco, Dec. 23. (AP)—Glenn Scooby Warner, who allegiance to the East and West shifts with his various coaching jobs, thinks the Easterners "will get by" in the annual Shrine's East-West game here New Year's Day.

Warner, at present at Temple University, watched the Easterners' effort in practice here, and remarked that "while the East doesn't raise them as big as the West, they play good enough football to get by."

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ROSE BOWLER IS INJURED

HUSKIES MAY BE WITHOUT SERVICES OF HARD HITTING FULLBACK

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 23. (AP)—The injury jinx entered the Rose Bowl scene Wednesday, threatening to keep Washington's hard-hitting sophomore fullback, Al Craver, out of the New Year's Day game with Pittsburgh.

The first casualty since the two grid squads started hard training this week dampened the enthusiasm at the training camp of the Washington Huskies in the seaside city of Santa Barbara. But inland, at San Bernardino, the Pitt Panthers were cheered by the return to duty of Bobby LaRue, halfback recovered from a leg injury.

Craver broke a rib in blocking practice against two opponents Tuesday.

"Best Years Left," Says Connie Mack On 74th Birthday

Philadelphia, Dec. 23. (AP)—Connie Mack passed his 74th birthday Wednesday with the expectation that before many have come and gone he would have won his tenth American League baseball pennant.

Before he quits, he said—and he didn't think he'd quit for some time to come—"I believe I'll be able to deliver at least another pennant winner to Philadelphia."

The lean spare frame of the Philadelphia Athletics leader radiated energy as he made the prediction.

"Damn it, I think I have some of my best years left."

Yet he added he hoped he'd be the "first to know it" when people become convinced that he's not able to manage the team "successfully" any longer.

"NEW BOOM" IS NOTED IN 1936 SPORTS ACTIVITIES

New York, Dec. 23. (AP)—Continuation of the "new boom" in nearly every branch of sports, accompanied by more open and wide-spread commercialization of amateur talent, furnished the loudest keynote detected this year by sports writing associates.

Expressing their views in the sixth annual Associated Press sportspoll, 22 press box observers cited bigger crowds and "gates" as the most conspicuous trend of 1936.

They called attention to such all-time attendance marks as 62,000 for the Kentucky Derby and 168,000 for the Indianapolis auto race. The South and East counted their biggest football turnouts in history, 48,000 at Baton Rouge for Louisiana State-Tulane, and 105,000 at Philadelphia for Army-Navy.

In major league baseball, a new National League mark of 64,477 was reached for a Giants-Cardinals doubleheader in September, while the biggest crowd in World Series history, 66,669, viewed the fourth game at the Yankee Stadium.

FIRST INJURY REPORTED IN EAST-WEST PRACTICE

San Francisco, Dec. 23. (AP)—"Bucky" Bryan, Tulane University's contribution to the East-West football team here for the annual East-West Shrine game Wednesday, was the first casualty of either squad, and was under a doctor's care in Berkeley for tonsillitis.

Co-coach Dick Hanley said the halfback will lose two or three days' practice.

The Western squad was given 10 plays Tuesday by Co-Coaches Babe Hollingbery and Percy Lowry at their workout at Stanford University. Hollingbery admitted he had so much good material he was undecided who would kick and pass.

SANTA RUSHES VISIT TO CHEER LAD IN HOSPITAL

Rusk, Texas, Dec. 23. (AP)—Six-year-old Earle (Tiny Tim) Poole, his body wasted from an attack of typhoid, has seen Santa Claus and the joy brought renewed strength Tuesday that may give him a chance at recovery.

Hospital attendants, although they had not told the lad that they had little hope that he would ever see another Christmas, knew what Earle meant when his trembling lips pleaded:

"Will I see Santa Claus before I— I want to see him before I—"

His nurse smiled.

"Sure you'll see him," she comforted with a smile. "He'll be here in a few days."

She kept the promise.

Saint Nick moved up his schedule and soon a brilliant Christmas tree gleamed beside Earle's bed. It was laden with gifts. Beside it stood jolly old Santa to greet the sick lad and bring joy to a stout heart that had fought disease.

Now he spends his waking hours looking at his Christmas tree and talking about his gifts.

LYN WALDORF GIVEN NEW CONTRACT AT EVANSTON

Chicago, Dec. 23. (AP)—The first undisputed Western Conference football championship ever won by Northwestern University paid dividends to Head Coach Lyn Waldorf Wednesday in the form of a new five-year contract.

Waldorf's re-engagement as chief of the Wildcat grid staff was announced by Kenneth L. Wilson, Northwestern director of athletics. Coach Waldorf came to Northwestern two years ago from Kansas State University under a two-year agreement.

This past season the Wildcats gained a 6-0 upset victory over the mighty Minnesota Gophers, their only defeat of the season.

Ring's Ranking Referee



EAST CAGE COACHES PUT ON SPOT BY BIG GAMES

New York, Dec. 23. (AP)—The basketball "doubleheader" idea which has caught on tremendously in the East during the last couple of years, has been a fine thing financially for the teams that participate, but it's causing a lot of headaches for the Eastern coaches.

Until Promoter Ned Irish thought of the idea of leasing Madison Square Garden and booking strong local teams against good outside opposition, inter-sectional games were a rarity so far as Eastern quintets were concerned. Occasionally one would take a brief jaunt into the Mid-West, where the field houses could hold playing crowds, but they seldom took their likings seriously.

Now with Mid-Western, Southern and even teams from the Pacific Coast invading the Garden and the Hippodrome to play before large crowds, the local coaches and players are finding it hard to maintain their practice.

Last week Coach Neil Cabahan of Manhattan was wondering how to stop Indiana and he found he couldn't. Now Clair Bee, who tutors Long Island University's unbeaten five, is trying to figure out whether the Blackbirds can maintain their three-year victory streak Saturday against Illinois Wesleyan, which has won something over 23 straight.

APPLICATIONS MOUNT FOR JOB IN ILLINOIS

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Interest Grows In Cotton Bowl Game at Dallas

West Texans are manifesting great interest in the first annual Cotton Bowl football classic to be staged in Dallas on New Year's Day.

Appearance in the line-up of the Texas Christian Horned Frogs, who pit their famed aerial attack against that of the Golden Avalanche of Marquette University of Milwaukee, of several products of high schools in West Texas is making the tilt doubly attractive to fans in these parts.

Zeke Handler, publicity representative for J. Curtis Sanford, head of the Bowl Association, visited Vernon Tuesday on a tour of West Texas cities in the interest of the game, reporting that scores of fans here are planning to be in the bowl when the first whistle sounds at 2 p. m. Jan. 1.

Foremost among the West Texans on the T. C. U. team is Sammy (Bomber) Baugh, the Nation's ace forward passer, who, incidentally, will engage in a private duel with his chief rival for countrywide honors in the pitching department—Ray (Buz) Buivid, all-American halfback of Marquette.

Vernon fans and those in surrounding territory are assured that plenty of choice seats still are available. These may be obtained by addressing the Cotton Bowl Association, Baker Hotel, Dallas, enclosing money order or cashier's check. Orders will be filled in the order received.

MARQUETTE TEAM USING PASSES IN WORKOUTS

Durant, Okla., Dec. 23. (AP)—Forward and lateral passes occupied the attention of the Marquette University gridmen as the Golden Avalanche prepared for its Cotton Bowl joust New Year's Day against Texas Christian University.

Coach Frank Murray watched his quarterbacks run the first string line with alternate sets of backfield men through dummy formations.

The Northerners showed adeptness in handling the ball and Captain Ray (Buz) Buivid, Marquette All-American halfback, was only one of the many ball flippers expert in sailing the pigskin.

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SUSPECT IN ROBBERY HELD

FORMER CONVICT ADMITS PLANS FOR BANK RAID AT FORT WORTH

Fort Worth, Dec. 23. (P)—Police arrested a man early Wednesday in the kidnapping of a Fort Worth man and the holding of a filling station last week at Buffalo.

He said he was Delmar Chandler, 32, of Dallas. He was taken into custody at a downtown hotel and offered no resistance. Officers said he made a statement admitting the kidnapping and robbery. They quoted him as saying he came back to rob a bank "somewhere east of Dallas."

The prisoner told police he was released from the State Penitentiary last May 13. He had a minor flesh wound in his left arm.

Sheriff J. R. Sessions of Fairfield fired at a man last Thursday night after the Buffalo robbery. One bullet struck the man's automobile,

which later was abandoned at Mexia and identified as one taken from Royce Walker of Fort Worth, who was forced to drive to a spot near Dallas by his abductor.

INSURANCE EXECUTIVE DIES AT BROOKLYN HOME

New York, Dec. 22. (P)—Ernest Sturm, 58, prominent insurance executive, died Tuesday at his home in Brooklyn.

Sturm, a native of New York City, was chairman of the board of the Continental Insurance Company, the Fidelity-Phoenix Fire Insurance Company, the American Fire Insurance Company, the American Eagle Fire Insurance Company, the Niagara Fire Insurance Company, the Maryland Insurance Company, and the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York.

Brenham Publisher Dies

Brenham, Dec. 22. (P)—T. C. Blake, 49, manager of the Brenham Banner Press, died suddenly at the newspaper plant Tuesday. Blake complained of feeling ill and his wife was called. When she arrived she called a doctor and Blake died soon after the physician arrived.

The island group of Curacao is a part of the Dutch West Indies.

OIL INDUSTRY OUTLOOK GOOD

MOUNTING PRICES WITH INCREASED DEMAND AND PRODUCTION WELCOME

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 23. (P)—The promise of 1936 to the oil industry has been fulfilled.

Its Christmas is merry. In an analysis of the factors contributing to the present state of prosperity, one thing stood out—the sustained and increasing demand for refined products.

Leading executives called it amazing.

That demand led to the greatest production of crude oil in the Nation's history. Production was controlled, however, by the direct demands on the refineries by the consumer.

Prices Mount.

Thus a healthy balance brought the industry to gratifying increases in the price of oil company stocks, the granting of wage increases, declaration of dividends, even to the payment of Christmas bonuses.

This is the picture of the strong statistical position of the industry at the Yuletide:

1. Estimated consumption of gasoline, based on actual figures for 10 months and estimates for two months was about 464,820,000 barrels compared to a consumption of 434,800,000 barrels in 1935.
2. Estimated production of crude oil for the year was 1,005,000,000 barrels, against 993,000,000 barrels last year.
3. Storage stocks of crude were about 285,000,000 barrels with about 58,000,000 barrels of gasoline on hand compared with 337,000,000 barrels of crude and 55,000,000 barrels of gasoline at the end of 1935.
4. The refiner was paying, generally speaking, about 10 cents a barrel more for crude this year than last and the motoring public about two cents a gallon more for its gasoline.

At the beginning of the Christmas week an authoritative estimate of the market trends showed these encouraging positions:

1. Crude market tight. Buyers seeking January supplies.
2. Gasoline, even in a season of ordinarily declining consumption, firm and in good demand.
3. Demand for kerosene and burning oils unusually strong.
4. Lively demand for prime white distillate and light fuels, with stocks increasingly scarce.

Production Up.

In May, production of crude took a jump over the 3,000,000 barrel daily point for the first time in history. Some apprehension resulted, state regulatory bodies clamped down, but the consuming public demonstrated its ability to use up the gasoline and industry was producing in huge quantities.

Record classified ads get results.

LOCAL BRIEFS

N. P. Craig, Jr., a student at Abilene Christian College, Abilene, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Craig, Sr.

Palmer Blake Bunch of Mosquero, N. M., has arrived to spend the holiday season with his sister, Miss Adelle Bunch.

Bill Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wright, returned Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents. He is a student at Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Maas and family will leave Thursday for a visit with her parents at Dublin, Texas. Mr. Maas and Herbert, Jr., plan to go on a deer hunt near Kerrville before they return home.

W. A. Moody of Throckmorton visited Tuesday night in Vernon.

Miss Hannah Foreman, a student at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla., has arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Foreman.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Riedel and Herman Riedel, and Miss Theresa Lowke will leave Thursday morning to visit relatives at Austin during the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Riedel will also visit a brother, who submitted to a major operation a week ago in a Brenham hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Wade and daughter are leaving for Rockwall, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Miss Mary Hattie Wilson, a student at Baylor University, Waco, has returned home to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Wilson.

Miss Elizabeth Lane, a teacher in the Amarillo public schools, is expected to return Wednesday to spend the holidays in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. A. Lane.

HOSPITAL BRIEFS

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Turner was admitted Tuesday afternoon for medical treatment.

Dan Keith Borchardt, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Borchardt, was admitted Wednesday for medical treatment.

Borris Bessiere has been admitted for medical treatment.

CORSICANA GRID PLAYER DIES FROM WRECK INJURIES

Corsicana, Dec. 23. (P)—Tom Sawyer, 15, Corsicana High School football player, died in a local hospital early Wednesday from injuries received Dec. 15 when the car in which he was riding was struck by a train here. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Sawyer. This is the twenty-sixth auto accident fatality in Navarro County this year.

YULE LIGHTING IS EFFECTIVE

VERNON CITIZENS OFFER UNUSUAL DISPLAYS IN YARDS AND HOMES

Hundreds of Vernon citizens have joined in decorative and attractive expressions of the Christmas spirit through special lighting arrangements in their yards and homes. A short motor trip on the principal residential streets of the city after dark reveals scores of effective outdoor designs in line with the Christmas theme.

Many other homes offer a greeting to passersby through brightly decorated Christmas trees visible through windows. Holly wreaths with candles are used effectively in many instances.

One of the outstanding outdoor lighting displays is in the 1900 block on Gordon Street where the homes of R. L. Coffee, H. R. Kuhn and E. L. Frierson present a pleasing view.

A gaily decorated tree in the yard at the Coffee home provides a setting for Santa's appearance atop a chimney. The miniature Santa Claus occupies a spotlight and is taking his first step down the chimney with his sack of toys. Pleasing borders and clusters of varicolored lights on the porches and in shrubbery of the Kuhn and Frierson homes carries out the theme in the neighborhood.

The journey of the three wise men following the Star of Bethlehem is portrayed atop the front porch at the home of Dr. A. L. Borchardt at 1825 Nabers Street. Indirect lighting throws the figures of the wisemen into relief as they ride their camels toward the glowing star.

Another effective display may be found at the home of J. S. Blanton at 1227 Wilbarger Street, where a large star appears in the background with row of gay lights. A string of bright lights attracts the attention at the home of Mrs. Eula Pitts at 1504 Lamar Street. D. E. Dunbar presents a pleasing border arrangement at his home at 1414 Lamar Street. Blue lights form a bouquet at either side of the entrance at the M. K. Berry home at 2430 Peaso Street. A brightly lighted Christmas tree in the yard at the home of R. D. L. Kilgough at 2403 Main Street is topped by a large star which attracts much attention. Another large tree is

gaily decorated at the home of J. D. Bright at 3301 Yamparka Street.

Two small trees are brilliantly lighted in the yard at the home of J. E. McPherson at 3214 Wilbarger Street. Attractive use of lights in trees are found at the homes of Mrs.

Elizabeth Lucky, 2209 Cumberland; A. L. Lockett, 3020 Wilbarger; H. D. Hockersmith, 2427 Paradise; Mrs. C. Castlebury, 2103 Paradise; Mrs. C. M. Blair, 2223 Paradise; Harry Maas, 2203 Paradise; Mrs. Lillie Eakle, 2430 Cumberland; and at many other residences.

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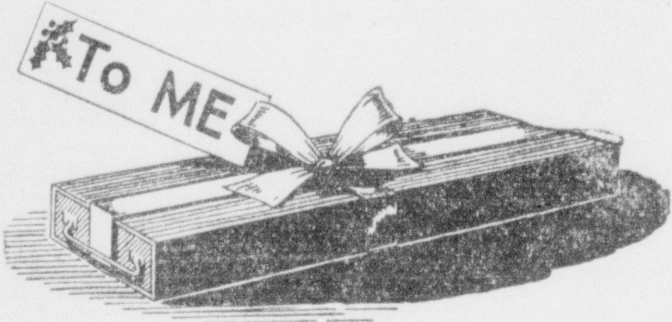
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all day CHRISTMAS, all day New Years

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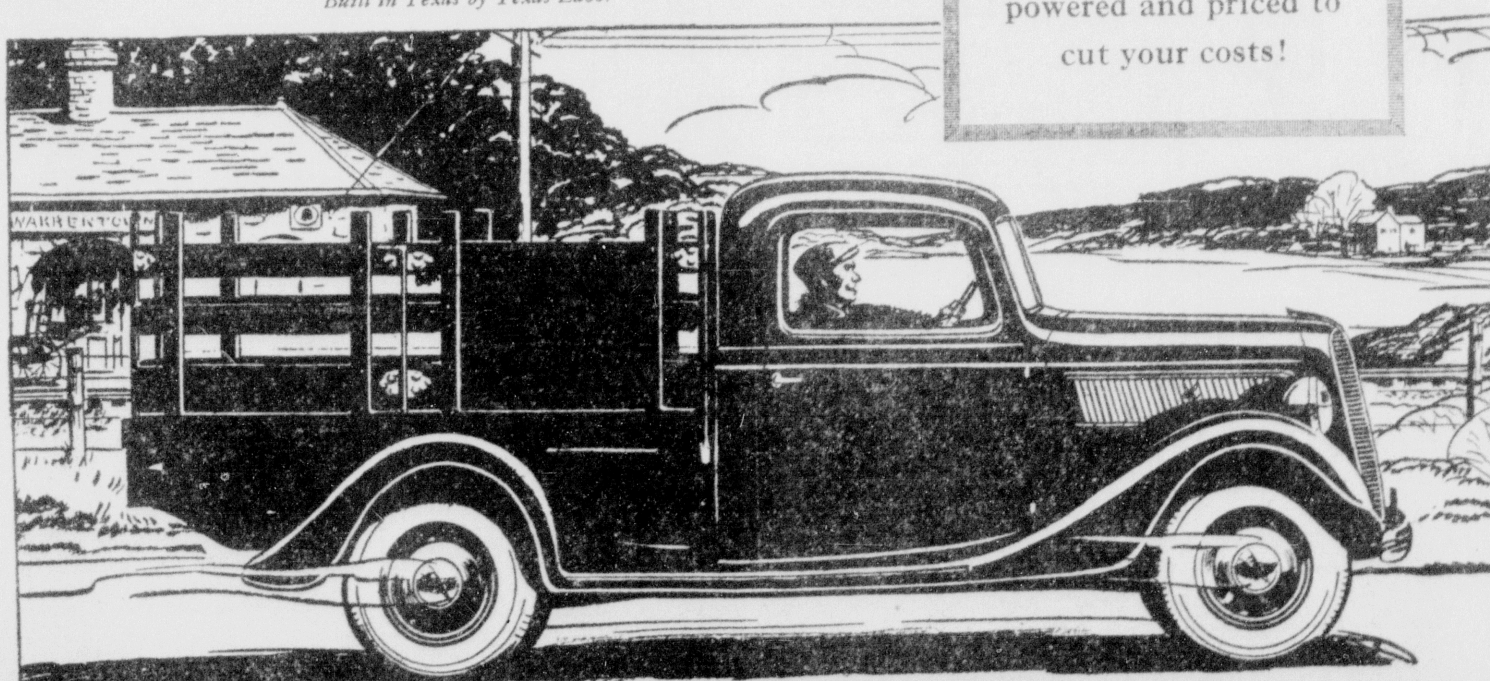
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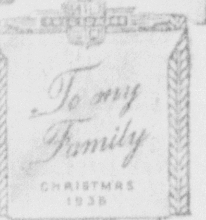
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Calmer Methods Needed.

J. Edgar Hoover's flair for showmanship has again thrown him into the spotlight of criticism. He has done much to control crime and to establish the supremacy of law, but it appears that it is time for a revision in his methods.

The chief of the Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation has used tactics that provide excellent dime novel reading. That practice has opened the way for sharp criticism on numerous occasions. And in most cases the criticism has been of "grandstand" tactics.

Now it seems as if this "grandstanding" has resulted in a real occasion for criticism of the methods in which the Brunette case was handled. Reports on the case state that New York police located the hideout of Harry Brunette, wanted for bank robbery and kidnapping of a New Jersey officer. Federal agents were notified and a time fixed for the raid.

But before the police knew what was happening, Mr. Hoover and his aides launched the raid, engaged in a fierce gun battle of 45 minutes in the course of which a gas bomb set fire to the building.

Not only did the incident rob the police of what glory they believed themselves entitled, but the gun battle endangered residents and spectators. In addition firemen braved the dangers of gun fire to control the blaze.

It may be imagined that future cooperation of the New York police with Federal agents will be given grudgingly. Other police may hesitate to issue a call in cases where Federal agents might be of assistance. True the criminal was captured and quickly given a life sentence, but the spectacular arrest might have been handled differently.

The methods of Hoover and his staff have been successful in swinging interest to the war on crime, but the popular imagination has been adequately impressed and it now appears that less spectacular methods should get the job done. A touch of mystery in activities of the Federal agents might provide the glamour necessary to keep their work in the public eye.

Stopping the Criminals.

Legislatures meeting next month in forty or more states will consider no more important legislation than a group of bills designed to close the legal loopholes used by criminals in operating across state lines. The measures are recommended by the Interstate Commission on Crime, which includes in its membership a representative from practically every state in the Union.

The bills have been passed in several states already and a concerted effort will be made to secure their adoption by all legislatures meeting this year. One of the measures is known as the "fresh pursuit" act which gives officers the right to pursue a criminal across the state line and make an arrest, the question of extradition then being handled by a local magistrate instead of going to the Governor as at present. At present a criminal can thumb his nose at pursuing officers when he reaches the state line and there is nothing legal they can do about it.

A second act would simplify ordinary extradition by making it a judicial procedure, rather than one of purely personal decision on the part

of the Governor. This act would also bring the master mind of gangsters to an accounting in the state where the crime is committed, even though he may not actually cross the boundary but directs the offense from a safe retreat in a neighboring state.

The third suggested statute would make it possible to compel attendance in court of out-of-state witnesses. This is surrounded by proper safeguards protecting citizens in the enjoyment of ordinary rights. The fourth in the set of proposed laws would authorize states to enter into agreements relating to supervision of paroled convicts, giving the contracting states substantially the same rights as they now enjoy in their own territory with respect to enforcement of parole terms.

Changes in means of travel and communication in recent years produced many new problems, but none more annoying than the one dealing with criminal operations across state boundaries. It is gratifying to note that state authorities are undertaking to solve it. Much of the transfer of authority and responsibility to the national government is unnecessary.

Japanese Textiles.

It appears that representatives of the cotton textile industry in the United States are optimistic regarding "friendly cooperation" with Japan regarding imports of competitive goods.

A delegation representing the industry in this country is preparing to leave for Japan to discuss competition in the American market with Japanese manufacturers. A real problem has been created by the importation of cheap Japanese goods.

Members of the delegation of five, headed by Dr. Claudius T. Murchison, president of the Cotton Textile Institute, have declared that maintenance of American wage standards is not possible in the face of rising imports from Japan.

It should be apparent that something stronger than "friendly cooperation" will be needed to check Japanese competition. Members of the group stated that they would tell leaders of the industry in Japan that in their opinion the United States government is not willing to forfeit its objectives of higher wages on account of competitive imports.

The discussion will probably bring out a definite threat of a prohibitive tariff on the Japanese products if imports from that country are not curtailed. It is hardly in the tradition of wide-awake business practices for a nation to forsake a valuable market until forced to do so. The Japanese textile industrialists are more likely to take the discussions as a matter-of-fact complaint and with Oriental calm go ahead with plans of exporting all the goods the market will take, until blocked by a tariff wall or some other means.

The American textile leaders explained that the industry in this country cannot pay wages eight times Japanese wages and produce goods in competition with Japan unless some remedial measures are worked out. And in the face of this situation as stated by representatives of the industry in the United States some remedial measures are very likely to be worked out, possibly by "friendly cooperation," possibly not.

PADUCAH FIREMEN GIVE ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Paducah, Dec. 22.—The Paducah Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas party and tree at the City Hall, Monday evening, at 8 o'clock.

Forty-two was the entertainment until the presentation of gifts from the tree.

Mrs. W. H. Pety won high score prize and Vernon Wood received the prize for low score.

Refreshments of hot chocolate, apples and candy were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Buck Creamer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cabiness, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Leidtke, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Powell, and son, Micky, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Majors, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Moore, and children, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wood, and son, Truman, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Moore, and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Petty, and son, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Standridge, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carroll, and son, Johnnie Glen, Miss Euthema Carroll, and Miss Betty A. Gentry. Messrs. Clyde Wood, Buck Oldham, Elize Cook, Aldo Self, Mack Cornell, A. S. Carroll, Fate Johnston, Mayor C. A. Craven, and Alderman E. N. Jones.

Philippine makers of dry ice are supplying the home market.

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WPA HELPS IN NEW PROJECTS

ALLOCATIONS AMOUNTING TO \$268,194 MADE FOR 38 JOBS

San Antonio, Dec. 12.—Recent allocations of \$268,194 for the operation of 38 Works Progress Administration projects authorized the employment of 2,192 persons in Texas. It was announced Wednesday by State Administrator H. P. Drought. Local agencies will supply \$150,164 toward financing the projects.

Improvements to approximately 45 miles of farm-to-market roads and construction of 19 timber bridges to replace narrow structures were included in the recent project approvals. WPA officials allocated \$126,942 for such work and sponsors will furnish \$89,478 to participate in the 14 road projects.

Projects approved, with Federal funds, sponsors' funds, and number of workers to be employed, included: Wichita County (District 12).

Electric—Assistance in public library. Federal funds, \$1,185; sponsor's funds, \$300; workers, 2.

COLLEGE STUDENTS HOME FOR HOLIDAY IN PADUCAH

Paducah, Dec. 21.—College students home for the Christmas holidays frequent the streets in Paducah as they greet old friends. Some of them are: Misses Sue Bishop, Dixie Hendrix, and Iress Brooks, Loyd Mayes, Franklin Richardson and Jesse Looney, all students of John Tarleton, Stephenville. Elmer Gantman, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Jack Howell, Baylor University, Waco; Lois Mae Birdwell and Constance Fielder, Wichita Falls; Lois Paxton, Frankie Candler, Margaret Lawhorn, Lubbock; Inez Crump, CIA, Denton; Mertie Foster, NTSTC, Denton.

"TRAGIC" MISTAKE CLAIMED AS 3 DIE IN SHOOTING

Mexico City, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Congressman Salvador Mayorga died early Tuesday, bringing to three the number dead as a result of a gun battle Monday night near the Chamber of Deputies building.

Camerino Perez, Aguirre leader from Hidalgo, and Simuri Cruz also were killed. More than 30 shots were fired.

Major Roberto Hernandez, of the Mexican Army, who with two followers engaged with Mayorga and his friend in the battle, was quoted by police as saying it was a "tragic mistake."

Hernandez told the authorities, they said, he and two military police had been hunting two men believed guilty of slaying his brother.

Bears Take Victory. Brownwood, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The Baylor Bears won an easy 37 to 15 basketball victory over Daniel Baker's Hill Billies Tuesday night. Kirkpatrick, Baylor center, scored 16 points for individual honors.

Record classified ads get results.

Big Gain Noted In Business of U. S. Post Offices

Chicago, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Santa Claus' chief helpers, the postmen, staggered Wednesday under the heaviest loads of Christmas mail since 1929. In many parts of the country the stream of yuletide greetings established all time records.

There were millions more packages and letters in the mail this year than there were in 1935, carrying the spirit of the season to all points of the compass. The Government's cash register worked overtime, jingling the tune of a boom business in stamps.

An Associated Press survey of large mailing points showed these indications of a merrier and more prosperous Christmas:

Chicago—More than 191,000,000 cancellations of first class mail and circulars in the first 21 days of December, an increase of 5.52 per cent over the same period last year. Receipts stood at \$1,224,409 for the 21 days, compared with \$977,831 in 1935.

Cleveland—Mailing figures were up 7.13 per cent over last year, with cancellations for the first 21 days of the month totaling 48,960,771, compared with 45,956,534 for the same period in 1935.

Pittsburgh—Receipts totaled \$748,934 for the first 22 days of December, an increase of 11.04 per cent over the 1935 corresponding figure. Postmaster Goldman of New York hired 11,500 extra clerks and carriers to handle the biggest volume since '28 and '29. Both parcel post and first class mail was 26 per cent greater than a year ago. Manhattan and Bronx receipts for the first 21 days of December topped by \$500,000 the total for all of December, 1935.

LONGVIEW MAN KILLED IN CRASH NEAR MESQUITE

Dallas, Dec. 23.—(AP)—John A. Bauer of Longview was killed and four other persons were injured Monday in a highway collision one mile south of Mesquite on the Tyler highway. Injured were William Westbury, Jim Westbury and Charles Hamberly, all of Royce City, and George W. Revis of Dallas. They were brought to a Dallas hospital.

Bauer's body was taken to Mesquite. He was survived by his wife.

Record classified ads get results.

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The hide and fur market is higher now than it has been in several months. See us before you sell.

PILGREEN PRODUCE

Phone 19—Plenty of Parking Space

CHARGES FLY AS EFFORTS TO END STRIKE TALKED

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Federal officials sought resumption Wednesday of peace negotiations in the 55-day Pacific Coast maritime strike on the heels of statements in which each side blamed the other for blocking settlement.

Assistant Labor Secretary Edward F. McGrady temporarily abandoned plans to return to Washington for Christmas after announcing shipowners and licensed deck officers would confer on possibilities of renewing negotiations.

A spokesman for the marine firemen said they would not vote on whether to accept a tentative agreement until proposals were ready for the other striking unions. Sailors left indefinite the date on which they will take a similar vote.

This left peace moves in the strike, affecting nearly 40,000 men and estimated by employers to have cost as high as \$85,000,000 to date. Practically halted, McGrady sought to get them moving again down the long course of conferences between shipowners and each separate union.

The Waterloo railway station in London covers 24 1-2 acres.

Going Hunting ?

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We have all kinds and sizes of ammunition.

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For Rent

FOR RENT—Furnished apartments. With garage. 2315 West Madison Street. 44-31p

FOR RENT—Pay and Take Cash Market. Well equipped for handling fresh meat. 2026 Dawson. 44-31p

FOR RENT—Three-room apartment and garage. 2228 Olive Street. 45-41p

FOR RENT—Modern four-room house. Apply Vernon Furniture Store. 45-31p

FOR RENT—Several houses in good condition and not for sale. W. B. ABBOTT, phone 853. 18-261p

HOMES HOMES HOMES A FEW WITHOUT CASH PAYMENT

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See us at once and get first pick on location.

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For Sale—Real Estate

FOR SALE—Four houses, rentals \$35.00 per month. \$1,250.00. Terms. L. D. Terrell. 43-31p

FOR SALE—67 acres adjoining city limits, possession; 200 acres, one mile east city limits. \$4,000.00. possession; 400 acres, 350 in cultivation. Farmers Valley; 267 acres best sandy land, \$50.00 per acre. Have buyer for 1,000 acres of first class land, 5-room brick, first class condition, well located, 7-room modern house, large lot, southwest Vernon, a bargain. Other farm and town properties at bargain prices. L. D. Terrell, Davis Building. 41-61p

FOR SALE—Five-room modern home, good location, large lot; worth the money but not a steal. I would take a late model car in on same. Owner—Raymond H. Presley, phone 99. 51-361p

FOR SALE—Federal H. O. L. C. forced closing as little as \$30.00 cash. Balance \$7.01 per thousand. W. H. ABBOTT, phone 853. 19-261p

Wanted

TO TRADE—Four-room modern house on pavement in Fort Worth, will trade on farm of about 100 acres in Vernon vicinity. My property good rental property and clear. W. T. McGann, Box 402, Crowell, Texas. 43-31p

Furnished Apartment Wanted 2-3 or 4 Rooms Couple Without Children PERMANENT MRS. SIMS Wilbarger Hotel

WANTED—To buy men's used suits, shoes, hats and shirts. 1513 Main Street. 35-261p

WANTED—We want to check your battery and all connections for Winter protection. Robt. L. More Garage. t1c

AUTOMOBILE LOANS Willbarger Finance Corp. West Office of Farmers State Bank Building. 1815 Wilbarger Street.

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The gaiety of the Christmas party at the de Forest hacienda, "Thunder Mesa," has a tragic ending when PEARL SAM DE FOREST, oldest of three brothers, is found dead beneath the Christmas tree with a knife in his throat.

There are many strange things about "Thunder Mesa," besides the fact that each of the three brothers has the first name "Pearl." PEARL JOHN is the youngest, PEARL PIERRE next. Others in the household are: TANTE JOSEPHINE, old and an invalid; BETTY WELCH, her companion; RAMON VASQUEZ and ANGELIQUE ABELTA, guests at the party; PROFESSOR SHAW, archeologist; and BOB GRAHAM, tire salesman who stopped at the hacienda when his car broke down.

Pearl Pierre, now head of the family, has his brother's body removed to the house chapel. It is decided that everyone must remain until after the investigation. That night Bob hears a scream. He rushes from his room, hears Tante Josephine accusing both Pearl Pierre and Pearl John of the murder.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY CHAPTER VII

The next morning showed the house on Thunder Mesa almost snowbound. Bob ate his breakfast in silence, after trying unsuccessfully to find out about the condition of the roads from the frozen-faced Mexican who served him. Bob had made up his mind that, somehow, he would get into communication with the outside world that day.

Being shut up on this mesa, with a household of eccentrics and possible murderers, was unbearable. When the sheriff and coroner came to see about Pearl Sam's body, Bob had decided he would take things into his own hands. At least, he was determined to get Betty away. Those eerie cries, coming across the courtyard the night before in the darkness, had

Pearl Pierre's voice broke in from the doorway. "Not at all necessary to do that, my dear Mr. Graham. Everything has been attended to, I assure you, and the officers will be here before long."

He looked at the two younger men for a minute, as though he were annoyed. "A tricky devil, if one ever lived," muttered Ramon Vasquez furiously. "He's certainly not doing the grieving act over his brother's death, is he? Nor Pearl John either, I think they're both relieved that he's out of the way, if you ask me."

An odd chuckle, coming from one of the chairs in front of the fire, made both men turn with a start. Professor Shaw peered at them around the high back of one of the seats. "Pardon my interruption," he said, "but, young man, you were so right about that that it amuses me. Both the de Forest brothers are relieved that Pearl Sam is gone—but for different reasons."

Ramon strode over to the professor, his face dark with rage. "What do you mean, Professor Shaw, hiding there, listening to what we were saying?"

The older man rose deliberately and faced him, holding up a long thin hand. "Now, now, young man—don't go flying off like that! I was here first, doing a little research work." He pointed to several books on a small table nearby. "I wasn't even conscious that anyone else had come into the room. I was concentrating rather deeply, you know. When Pearl Pierre spoke from the doorway I realized, for the first time, that I was no longer the sole occupant of the room. That was when I overheard your last remark."

Ramon looked at the older man for a minute without speaking. Then he turned, with an expressive shrug, and went back into the room. "Of course we have no choice but to accept your story, Professor Shaw." He took a quick turn or two about the room, then addressed the archeologist again. "Just how do you happen to know so much about things here, Professor? And just what did you mean by saying the de Forests had different reasons for being relieved at Pearl Sam's death?"

"I'll answer your questions in order, Mr. Vasquez," Professor Shaw replied. "To the first, I'll remind you that it's my profession to notice things. A trained scientific man picks up details that others might consider worthless. And, remember, I have been here on the mesa for several weeks. About the de Forest brothers, I am certain that Pearl Pierre is enjoying his new position as head of the family."

"And Pearl John?" asked Bob. "You can't say he wanted to stay here with this crew," the professor went on. "He most assuredly did not. But Pearl Sam held him against his wishes. More than once since I've been here the young man has threatened to take the bit in his teeth and bolt."

"Since you seem to know so much, Professor," Bob said, moving a step nearer, "how about that Indian who's always at the top of the trail? That queer-looking knife that was sticking out of Pearl Sam's throat wasn't a white man's knife, you know."

"Ah, the obsidian knife!" The professor's eyes glowed with sudden interest. "It was most ancient. Perhaps the most ancient object on this continent. A very, very old Indian artifact, which was prob-

ably used sacrificially in the kivas of some forgotten race. That knife was the reason for my being here. I knew Pearl Sam had it, and was commissioned by the museum to try to buy it from him. We have been dickering about the price all this time. I had finally succeeded in getting him to the point where he would talk price. At first he refused flatly to sell it for any amount."

"And you think the knife came from some place around here?" asked Bob. "You seemed to have been

making measurements yesterday when I met you."

"I was, Pearl Sam refused to tell me where he got the knife, but he did not seem to mind my investigations on the mesa. Told me to help myself to any scientific facts I could find. He seemed to consider my archeological research a great joke. Was fond of remarking, in fact, that men who gave up all their time to poking around ruins were welcome to any rocks or bones they could dig up."

"Then you don't think there is any connection between the Indian servant and the obsidian knife?" Bob persisted. "I understand the man hated Pearl Sam."

"He did. There was no doubt of that," the professor answered. "But whether on his own account or the old lady's, I do not know. It is common knowledge the aunt was standing between him and Pearl Sam, for some reason. But I don't know that I could say the Indian was the murderer, just because the knife happened to be an ancient Indian weapon."

on. It was always kept very carefully here in the house you know. Especially carefully kept since Pearl Sam knew I was anxious to buy it."

"And just where was the knife kept?" interrupted Ramon. "Perhaps you know that, too, Professor Shaw?"

For a moment there was only the crackle of the flames in the big fireplace, as they waited intently for the archeologist to answer. That was why no one noticed Pearl John in the doorway.

"Why, yes," Professor Shaw finally said. "The obsidian knife was usually in a small wall safe in Pearl Sam's private office."

"Except on the day Pearl Sam was murdered with it," Pearl John said sternly.

He walked directly over to the professor, adding significantly, "You haven't forgotten, have you, Professor Shaw, that you asked for that knife yesterday so you could examine it under your microscope?"

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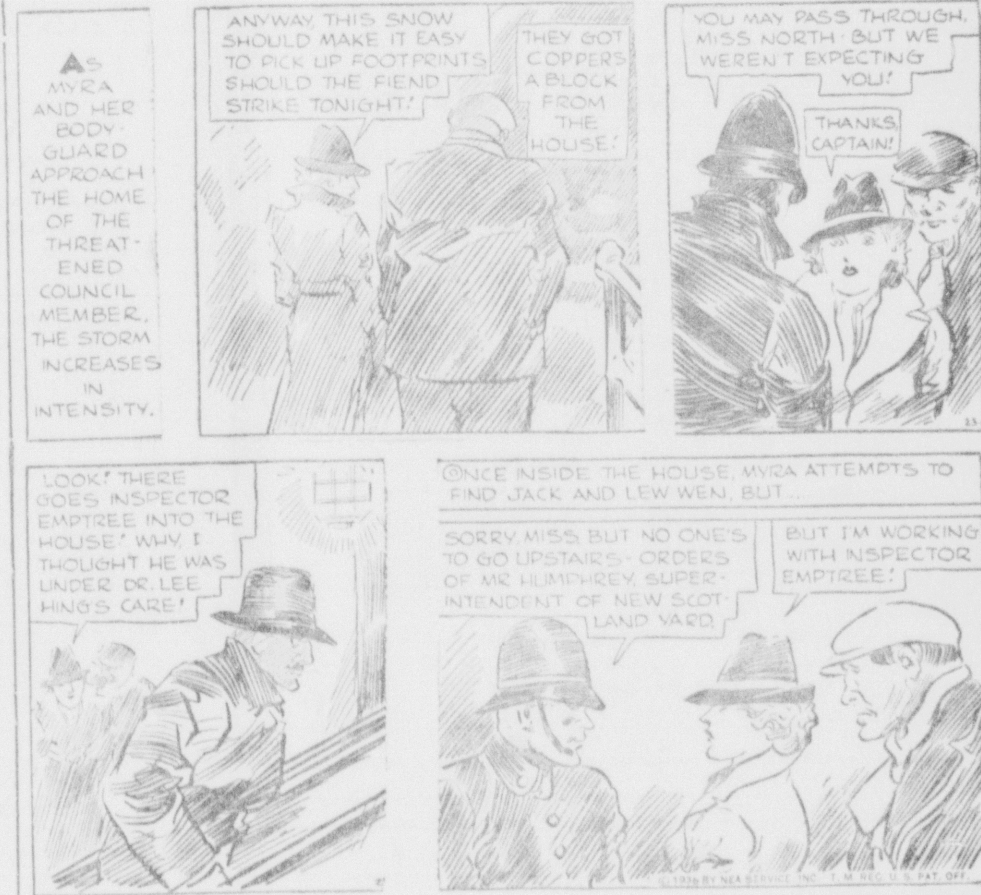
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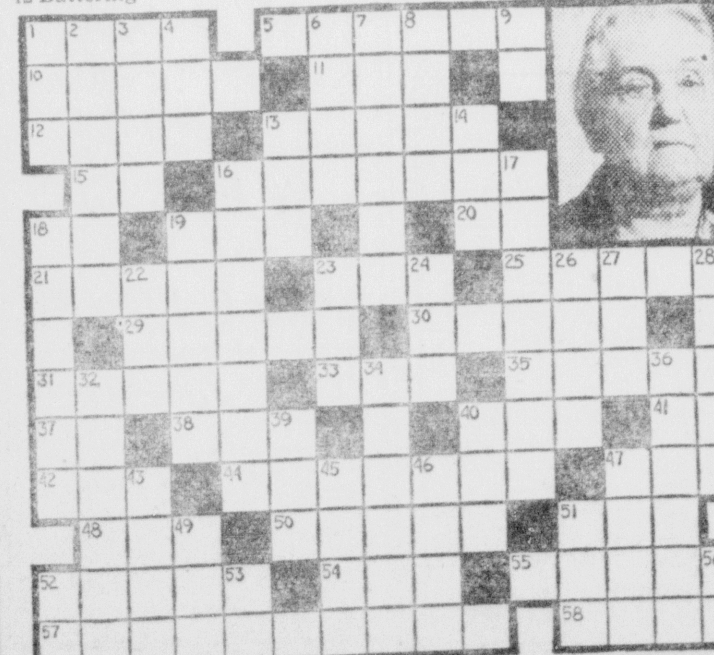
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- 19 Definite article.
- 20 Type standard.
- 21 To speak.
- 23 Orb.
- 25 Compound ether.
- 29 Angry.
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VERTICAL

- 1 To stab.
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- 3 To require.
- 4 Finish.
- 6 College official.
- 7 Beast of burden.
- 8 Species of pier.
- 9 Therefore.
- 13 To regret.
- 14 Pronoun.
- 16 Worded.
- 17 Daubed.
- 18 She was an —, also.
- 19 School periods.
- 22 Sesame.
- 23 Snaky fish.
- 24 Roof point covering.
- 26 Let it stand.
- 27 X.
- 28 To change a gem setting.
- 32 To make able.
- 34 To make evident.
- 36 Garden scoop.
- 39 Fiber knots.
- 40 Footlike part.
- 43 Castle ditch.
- 45 To cripple.
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- 51 Hurrah!
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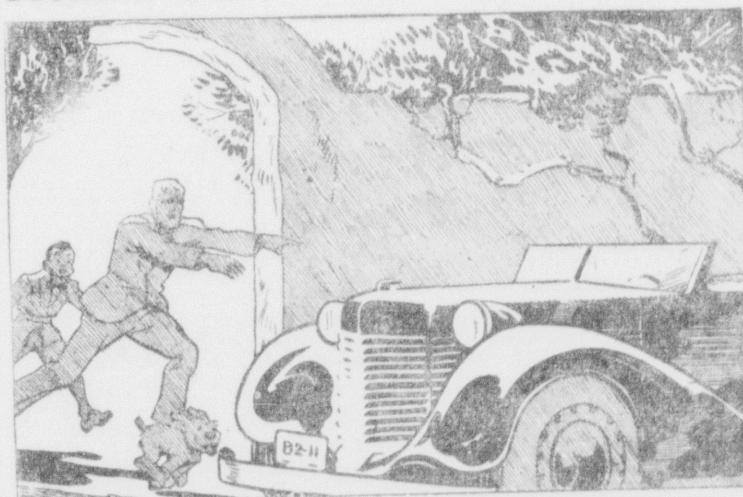
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CONGRESS FACES PROBLEM OF STABILIZATION PLAN EARLY IN SESSION

Washington, Dec. 23. (AP)—Administration monetary policies, charted originally to stem a swift outflow of capital and pry open shrinking price and credit structures, now are facing the contrary problems of heavy capital inflows and potential inflation.

Soon after Congress convenes, President Roosevelt is expected to ask continuance of powers to devalue the dollar further and to maintain the \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund.

Scheduled to expire Jan. 30, these powers gave the government powerful new rates over the dollar.

Dollar Held Even

Revaluation, designed to offset trade advantages enjoyed by other countries and raise domestic prices, was accompanied by operation of the big stabilization fund. This was used to keep the dollar on an even keel in relation to foreign currencies.

At present, however, the international financial winds are blowing in the opposite direction, sending millions of dollars here for investment or speculation.

This movement tends to expand credit and raise prices artificially, and, to prevent such inflation, the Treasury drafted a new program this week designed to nullify the effects of gold imports on domestic economy.

Seeking to re-gear existing financial machinery within the bounds of present statutory authority, the program calls for the removal of funds from the money market when gold flows into the country. This will be accomplished through the sale of Treasury bills. Receipts from which will be used to pay for the gold imports.

Like Balance Wheel

Conversely, when gold flows out, the bills will be redeemed and funds will be put back into the money market and thereby tend to keep the reservoir of credit on an even keel.

This "balance wheel" scheme will link the Treasury with the Federal Reserve Board as an agency for credit control.

The other proposal being considered involves use of the Government's taxing power to discourage foreign speculators from sending funds to this country.

Under it, the present nominal taxes on foreign security holders might be sharply increased, reducing the profits "alien funds" could earn in America.



Most Babes Are Bigger Than Both

Eye dropper feedings and electrically heated cribs are being resorted to to insure the survival of Joan and Joul Hall, Pittsburgh twins who weighed only two pounds each at birth. Perfectly normal otherwise, they are the children of Mrs. Ondell Hall, 24, wife of a 60-year-old WPA worker. Taking care of them are Nurse Irene Sweet and Dr. John U. Stevenson.

Santa Claus, Inc., Is Promoted by Indiana Citizens

Santa Claus, Ind., Dec. 23. (AP)—The town named after Yuletide's Mr. Claus is going to capitalize on its name by going big business the year round.

Milton Harris, 38, general manager of Santa Claus, Inc., is going to commercialize the idea of a Santa Claus headquarters in Indiana all the time. He has defeated rival promoters in the courts.

Harris and others organized Santa Claus of Santa Claus, Inc., with 10,000 shares of no-par stock. They signed five-year contracts with seven toy manufacturers to show their products on 100 square feet of floor space at \$2,500 a year each.

Harris says the company intends to rebuild most of the town, with buildings modeled after those pictured in children's books, and run a year round exhibition where Santa Claus will bring pleasure to tourists and profit to the promoters every day of the year. He plans a big where Christmas dinners will be served daily.

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PEACE CONFERENCE NEAR CLOSE AT BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires, Dec. 23. (AP)—The Inter-American Peace Conference, which in three weeks has set up machinery to discuss all war threats to the American continents, drew to its close Wednesday with a plea for settlement of the Bolivian-Paraguayan territorial dispute.

Other than action on a resolution that Bolivia and Paraguay definitely finish their border dispute, the chief business of the formal closing ceremony late in the afternoon consisted of speeches by U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Argentine Foreign Minister Carlos Saavedra Lamas and the head of the Peruvian delegation, Carlos Concha.

CONGRESS EXPECTED TO RUSH RELIEF MEASURE

Washington, Dec. 22. (AP)—A prospective shortage of relief funds requiring a deficiency appropriation of about a half billion dollars promises to get the new Congress into action with unusual speed.

Relief officials have estimated available funds will be exhausted between Jan. 29 and Feb. 1, Chairman Buchanan, Democrat, Texas, of the House Appropriations committee said hearings on a deficiency bill accordingly will be one of the first major chores on his calendar.

PAIR CONVICTED IN GAS TAX EVASION CASE

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 22. (AP)—W. H. Land of Memphis and G. G. Gean of Halls, oil dealers were convicted of conspiracy to defraud the State of gasoline taxes.

The punishment of each was fixed at not more than five years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$1,000. Of 22 persons indicted in connection with a wide-spread scheme to defraud the State through evasion of the 7-cent per gallon gasoline tax, Land and Gean were the first to be brought to trial. They did not testify and offered no witnesses in their behalf.

LONGHORNS WIN

Kingsville, Texas, Dec. 23. (AP)—The Texas Longhorns quintet took an early lead and held it Tuesday night in defeating the Texas A. & I. Javelinas, 37 to 29. Baxter topped the scorers.

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NEW YORK LEADS IN SECURITY APPLICATIONS

Washington, Dec. 23. (AP)—The Social Security Board has reported New York, with 3,433,631 applications, for all states, was 22,129,617. The board noted this total was incomplete since more than 24,000,000 workers are represented on employers' applications.

Pennsylvania was second with 2,165,478 applications and Illinois third with 1,689,058.

Other state totals: Arkansas 25,207; New Mexico 25,442; Oklahoma 848,121; Texas 590,509.

WOODRIDGE BOOSTS FLOOD CONTROL ACT IN REPORT

Washington, Dec. 22. (AP)—Secretary WoodrIDGE said Tuesday the Flood Control Act of 1935 established for the first time a definite Federal policy of constructing "economically justified flood control projects."

"Seventy-five per cent of the work is for the protection of cities and towns or areas where concentrated property values intensify the flood damages," the Secretary of War said in his annual report.

TOWN'S EXODUS

Chicago, Dec. 23. (AP)—The entire population of Lee, Mich., came to Chicago to do its Christmas shopping—but transportation facilities were not taxed. The delegation consisted of Walter Peterson, 23, and Herbert Pearson, 26. Mayor Peterson said his town once had 500 residents but none bothered to rebuild it after a fire almost wiped it from the map years ago. Walter and Herbert moved in and elected themselves to every office they could think of.

COYOTE WAR PLANNED

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 23. (AP)—There are so many coyotes in New Mexico, said Gov. Clyde Tingley "that you can hardly drive any place at night without them running in front of your car." So the Governor is going to ask the Legislature for a bounty law to depopulate the messes of the marauding night criers.

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McLEAN WOMAN DIES IN CRASH ON RIVER BRIDGE

Pampa, Texas, Dec. 23. (AP)—An automobile skidded on the steel driveway across the Red River southeast of Lefors Monday night and crashed into the dry river bed 15 feet below, killing Mrs. Oscar Dotson and injuring critically her husband, former heavyweight wrestler and blacksmith.

Mrs. O. L. Belk, Mrs. Dotson's sister, and Mrs. Marjorie Taylor suffered minor injuries. The party was returning from McLean where Dotson operated a tavern.

Tabby Keeps Tab

Decatur, Ala., Dec. 23. (AP)—A cat turned optical watchdog was credited by H. L. Davidson, owner of a coal and feed warehouse, with the arrest of two men charged of attempted larceny. Davidson became suspicious when he noticed the cat kept watching the ceiling. The warehouseman took his shotgun, investigated, found the men on the roof.

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A Visit To Santa Claus Land

HURRY, HURRY—SANTA CLAUS HAS HONORED YOU BY SENDING HIS OWN PRIVATE SLEIGH TO TAKE YOU TO THE PALACE

OH, GOODY, GOODY

GOODBYE, CHILDREN—I HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR VISIT TO TOYLAND.

THANK YOU, SANTA CLAUS—WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME

IT WAS KEEN

YOU'VE BEEN SO KIND TO US, I WONDERED IF THERE WAS SOMETHING WE COULD DO FOR YOU WHEN WE RETURN TO OUR HOME

WE WOULD BE ONLY TOO GLAD TO DO ANYTHING TO PLEASE YOU

THERE IS ONLY ONE FAVOR I DESIRE—WHEN YOU RETURN TO EARTH—AND YOU HEAR SOME LITTLE BOY OR GIRL SAY THERE IS NO SANTA CLAUS, TELL THEM ABOUT YOUR VISIT TO TOYLAND.

BETTY & BILLY HAVE PACKED THEIR BAGS. THE MAGIC CARPET IS PARKED OUTSIDE THEIR DOOR. ALL READY TO TAKE THEM HOME, AFTER THEY THANK SANTA CLAUS FOR INVITING THEM TO HIS HOME IN TOYLAND.

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